

## Press release

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### **Société Générale Securities Services Wins 6 Ratings in *Global Custodian* Survey**

**Société Générale Securities Services (SGSS)** has secured six ratings in the *Global Custodian*'s annual "Agent Banks in Major Markets" Survey\*. This survey, which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year, measures the perceptions of the quality of the clearing and settlement and asset-servicing duties that banks provide to three types of clients:

- banks, broker/dealers, fund managers and others based in a jurisdiction other than the agent bank they are rating, so-called "leading clients";
- a select group of respondents;
- third-party clients based in the same market as the agent bank they are rating.

The ratings came in the following categories:

- **Greece:** For the third year running SGSS is Domestic **Top Rated\*\***, thanks to scores from domestic banks, fund managers and insurers. It has also seen an upgrade of its platform and won several significant mandates.
- **Italy:** SGSS was rated **Leading Commended** for the second year running in the Leading Client category. Following the absorption of 2SBanca, clients praised the bank's value and commitment, and its performance in cash and FX. The business is also rated **Commended** in cross border-non affiliated category and clients recognise a very good knowledge of the Italian market with timely and efficient problem solving.

*\*Global Custodian is the leading magazine covering the international securities services business. The magazine is published 5 times a year and has a global readership.*

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- **South Africa:** For the first time, SGSS is **Top Rated** in the Cross Border section and **Domestic Top Rated** for the fifth consecutive year, demonstrating its continuing commitment to deliver high quality standard services to local and international customers. SGSS is the only **Top Rated** institution in South Africa for this category.
- **Spain:** SGSS is rated Domestic Commended, with clients paying tribute to the “client focus” and “flexibility” of the business.

#### **Société Générale**

Société Générale is one of the largest financial services groups in the euro-zone. The Group employs 151,000 people worldwide in three key businesses:

- Retail Banking & Financial Services: Société Générale serves more than 30 million individual customers worldwide.
- Global Investment Management & Services: Société Générale is one of the largest banks in the euro-zone in terms of assets under custody (EUR 2 733 billion, June 2008) and under management (EUR 381.4 billion, June 2008).
- Corporate & Investment Banking: Société Générale ranks among the leading banks worldwide in euro capital markets, derivatives and structured finance.

Société Générale is included in 3 socially-responsible investment indexes: FTSE, ASPI and Ethibel.

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#### **Société Générale Securities Services**

Société Générale Securities Services offers a full range of securities services in:

- Clearing, delivery and settlement
- Securities back-office outsourcing services
- Custody, trustee, transfer agent, fund and portfolio administration
- Employee Share Plan Management

Société Générale Securities Services currently ranks 7<sup>th</sup> worldwide custodian (*source: globalcustody.net*) with €2,733\* billion in assets under custody. Société Générale Securities Services provides custody & trustee services for 3,243\* funds and the valuation of 5,255\* funds representing assets under administration of around €495\* billion. Société Générale Securities Services also ranks among the European leaders in stock option management.

Société Générale Securities Services is present in key financial centres and employs over 4500 people.

Société Générale Securities Services is part of Global Investment Management and Services (GIMS), one of the six business lines of the Société Générale Group, which also includes asset management (Société Générale Asset Management), private banking (SG Private Banking), execution and clearing of listed derivative products (Newedge) and direct banking (Boursorama).

*\*figures at end June 2008*

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